



To: Lions Clubs of MD39
From: Steve Gieseke, 39W and Wally Stephens, 39E
Subject: 2022 Patriotism Essay Contest

It is important to begin early to connect with young people in our communities and teach them what it means to serve.

"How can Patriotism Open Our Hearts to serve our Communities and Country"

- Contact the Superintendent of your School District regarding the essay contest and identify who is eligible to participate. Ask them to support the contest by communicating with the principals of each school and class room teachers. *Supply them with a letter they can chose to use.*
- Each club can submit 3 essays from each class level to either district 39W or 39E for consideration to progress to the state level.
- Please make sure there is no indication on the essays of whom the student is or which Lions Club is submitting the entry. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE COVER SHEET ONLY!!! (Separate Sheet) When the essays submitted by your club to either 39E or 39W the essays will be assigned a code and the cover sheet will be removed for judging. When the winners have been selected, I will attach the cover sheets and notify you of the winner(s) in your club and the appropriate District.
- The essays need to be to your District Chair person NO LATER THAN MARCH 9, 2022. Essays to the Multiple District Chair persons, by March 23, 2021.
- The MD39 will give certificates for all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. 1st place \$50. cash prize, 2nd place \$30. , and 3rd place \$25. Any 1st place winners traveling to the MD39 to read their essay will be given an additional \$50. Each District will be responsible for inviting the 1st place winner to the convention.
- District 39W will award the 1st place winners in each class \$25 cash to be distributed at their school.
- Each individual District or club should advise their participants as to what their District will be giving in addition to those awards for the overall winners.
- Clubs sponsoring the winning entries should be prepared to pay for the lunches of those contestants/families attending the Awards Luncheon.

If you have any questions feel free to contact either;

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